



Catholic Church of Mary Immaculate and St Gregory the Great



Second Sunday of Advent

Week 2 Year C

Sunday 5th December 2021:

***6pm:** Steve Norman +
8.30am: Jan Clarke +
10.30am: Hose Antonio De Freitas ann +
6pm: Anthony Walsh +
7.30pm: *Advent Synodal Journey (see below)*

Mon 6

(Church open 10am-6pm)
6.00pm: Margaret Simons +

Tues 7

(Church open 10am-6pm)
9.30am Morning prayer
10am: Josephine Leon ann +

Wed 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

10am: Marion Arbuthnott +
(refreshments in the hall after Mass)

Thurs 9

10am: Funeral Mass: Amparo Abalos +

Fri 10

(Church open 10am-7pm)
9.30am Morning prayer
10am: Kathleen Foley ann +
(1.30pm: Christian Meditation)
(6pm: Adoration)

Sat 11

***6pm:** Kitty Barton +

Sun 12: Third Sunday in Advent

8.30am: Nina Marcangelo (int)
10.30am: John James O'Connell ann +
6pm: Jesu De Souza ann +
7.30pm: *Advent Synodal Journey (see below)*

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth; and all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

This Second Sunday of Advent recalls the expectant faith of John the Baptist. Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people.

Like John the Baptist, we too here in Barnet are called to prepare, even during these uncertain times, for the arrival of the Saviour. How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Saviour of the world? The Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance. Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and right. As a parish on our Advent journey, may we embrace the grace of conversion and repentance.

Advent Quote from the Early Church Fathers: Touching Jesus by faith, by Augustine of Hippo, 430-543 A.D. "Consider the text 'And all flesh shall see the salvation of God' (Luke 3:6). There is no difficulty at all in taking this to mean 'And all flesh shall see the Christ of God.' After all, Christ was seen in the body and will be seen in the body when he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Fr John

JOURNEY TOGETHER

FOLLOWING THE SYNODAL PATH

It's not too late to register:
barnetalpha.com
 click on menu bar in the right corner and 'book online'

(Please ignore the Alpha info)

Synod 2021 2023

Advent Synodal Gatherings


POPE FRANCIS HAS INVITED ALL PARISHES AND PEOPLE TO REFLECT ON THE THREE THEMES OF COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION.

THE PARISH WILL REFLECT ON THESE THEMES VIA ZOOM EACH SUNDAY EVENING OF ADVENT. SO PLEASE JOIN US AS WE RESPOND TO THIS UNIQUE INVITATION.

REGISTER AT WWW.BARNETALPHA.COM

4 SUNDAYS OF ADVENT
7.30 PM VIA ZOOM

For a synodal Church
 communion | participation | mission



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NOTICES

FUNERAL MASS for Amparo Abalos is this Thursday 9th, 10am Mass. Please pray for her family and those close to her in the Filipino community and parish.

FUNERAL MASS for Jan Agilada is on Tuesday 14th December, 10am Mass. Please pray for Jan's parents, his brother and family and friends.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Wednesday 8th December
10.00am Feast Day Mass
followed by mince pies and cake
in the Parish Hall

WANTED! A pianist and singers to play and sing at Christmas time. Please contact Teresa O'Sullivan: howelsy@btinternet.com or contact via the presbytery 020 8449 3338.

CAFOD: website cafod.org.uk gives lots of information about its work as well as different way in which you can donate. On worldgifts.cafod.org.uk there are lots of ideas for alternative Christmas presents, ways to support vulnerable communities

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2021: are available in the porch, price £4.50 each.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

*4.30pm Vigil Mass (1)

*6.30pm Vigil Mass (2)

10pm Night Mass

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER

Christmas Day

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

(No 6pm Mass)

SUNDAY 26 DECEMBER

The Holy Family

8.30am / 10.30am / 6pm

MONDAY 27 DECEMBER

10.00am Mass (not 6pm)

(There will be no booking of seats required this year). Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Please note doors will be closed when we have reached full capacity for everyone's safety.

EUCCHARIST MINISTERS & READERS please email the parish office if you are available over the Christmas 24-26 December to minister.

FLOWERS: if you would like to make a donation towards the flowers for Christmas, please place your contribution in an envelope marked 'flowers' and post it through the presbytery door. Thank you.

THANK YOU everyone for all your prayers and well wishes. I am truly blessed to have a number of parishioners who gave up their time to get me to hospital and back over the weeks: Gerry, Alison, John, Peter, Frances, Sue, Mary & Stephen - I will be forever grateful for all your help. God Bless, Eric.

POLITE NOTICE

I strongly encourage parishioners to wear a face covering* whilst in church.

(*unless exempt)

Thank you! Fr John

POOR CLARES COLLECTION: will take place the weekend of 18 & 19 December. All donations can be placed in the boxes provided that weekend. (NB: the sisters do not eat meat)

MUSIC: 10.30AM MASS

Communion: Prepare the way for the coming of God, make a straight path for the coming of God (x2)

Going Forth: Awake, awake, for the Lord is coming. Awake, awake, there's no time to sleep. Awake, awake, for the Lord is coming, the King is coming in glory. All over the world, people are waiting, Waiting for peace, and the promise of new life.

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FOR YOUR PRAYERS

****Please remember in your prayers the sick, their families and all who care for them, including:**

Emanuele & Carlotta Brunelli, Linda & Stuart Atkinson, Pat Cosgrove, Bernadette Hunt, Roberto Lusignani, Elaine Brennan, Mark O'Brien, Rita Rawlings, Margaret Trehy, Joe Connolly, Mary Harris, Eric Power, Michael Keyes, Julie Lown, Eileen Robbins, John Chuter, Marlene Hollocks, Margaret Greaney, Veronica Soosay, Leonor Driscoll, John Thompson, Lucretia Olivier-Hall, David John Hall, Suzanne Greig, Paul Stephens, George Buhagiar.

Recently Died: Joseph Medayil

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